

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Fires

Reference to Integrated Work Programme: Work Area 2, “Policy dialogue and advice”

A. Objectives

1. To promote a continuous exchange of (new) knowledge on and practices in fire management through the organization of meetings on Fire Management issues in the ECE region;
2. To provide guidance to ECE member States on forest fire management and forest fire policies, including on bilateral / international cooperation, in close cooperation and coordination with the Wildland Fire Advisory Group of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) / Global Wildland Fire Network, FAO, Council of Europe and other partners;
3. To organize regional seminars and training workshops in fire management;

Note: In the context of this mandate the Team will continue to address all vegetation fires (“wildland fires”), including fires in the agricultural sector and in peatland / wetland biomes.

B. Activities

1. Development of policy recommendations for fire management in the UNECE region to be summarized in a “White Paper on the State of Wildfires and Fire Management in Forests and other Vegetation Resources in the UNECE Region”.

C. Expected major outputs

1. A Regional Forum on Cross-boundary Fire.
2. A Resolution of the Forum on a proposal for a voluntary or legal protocol on cross-boundary cooperation in fire management.
3. White Paper on the State of Wildfires and Fire Management in Forests and other Vegetation Resources in the UNECE Region.

D. Background

Established/Approved by: Joint session of the ECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission, Rome, 23-24 October 2008

Duration: The mandate of the team was renewed for the term 2016-2017.

Methods of work: To be determined by the Team.

Reporting: Annually, to the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.

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